

REMARKS

Claims 2-16, 18, 19 and 22-29 are pending in this application. Claims 2, 3, 7-16, 18, 19, 23 and 24 are herewith canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 30-36 are added. Thus, with the entry of this amendment claims 4, 5, 6, 22, 25-36 will be active in this case. No new matter has been added with new claims 30-36.

I. ALLOWED CLAIMS

Applicants hereby acknowledge Examiner Marschel's statement of allowability of claims 22 and 26-29. Examiner Marschel also has indicated that claim 25 would be allowable if amended to be independent. Applicants point out that claim 25 has been amended to depend from allowable claim 26 and therefore also should be allowable.

II. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejects claim 23 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for lack of enablement. Applicants assert that this rejection has been rendered moot with the cancellation of claims 23 and 24.

The Examiner rejects claims 2, 3, 18 and 19 under §112, second paragraph, for being indefinite. Applicants note that the rejected claims have been deleted. Withdrawal of the rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejects claim 16 under §112, fourth paragraph. Applicants have canceled claim 16; thus, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the above rejections do not apply to new claims 30-36.

III. REJECTION UNDER §102 AND §103

Examiner Marschel rejects claims 7 and 24 under §102(b). Claim 7 also has been rejected under §103. Applicants assert that these rejection has been rendered moot with the cancellation

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of claims 7 and 24 and that the prior art rejections do not apply to new claims 30-36.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments, applicants asserts that claims 4, 5, 6, 22, 25-36 are in condition for allowance. Early notification thereof is respectfully requested.

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